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SUBJECT: "YACHT YANKEE TRADER"

1. YANKEE TRADER, SUBJECT LATE JUNE AIR SEARCH, DEPARTED VICTORIA JULY 7 AFTER TWO WEEK STAY. CAPTAIN BEWLEY ADVISED HE HEADING FOR MOMBASSA.

2. YANKEE TRADER IS REGISTERED IN PANAMA AS A YACHT AND OPERATED BY WINDJAMMER CRUISES, P.O. BOX 120, MIAMI BEACH, FLA. 33139. WHILE IN VICTORIA, YANKEE TRADER WAS SUBJECT OF SEVERAL COMPLAINTS BY AMERICAN PASSENGERS ABOARD. BELIEVE 6 PASSENGERS DEPARTED VESSEL IN VICTORIA FOR RETURN TO U.S.

3. ACCORDING PASSENGERS, YANKEE TRADER HELD IN SINGAPORE FOR ABOUT TWO MONTHS WHEN VESSEL FAILED PAY PORT CHARGES. PORT AUTHORITIES IN VICTORIA TOLD CONOFF VESSEL HAD SIMILAR PROBLEM IN VICTORIA ON PREVIOUS VOYAGE.

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4. PASSENGERS STATED THAT CAPTAIN HAD ELIMINATED MANY OF THE VESSEL'S ADVERTISED PORT CALLS BECAUSE OF LACK OF MONEY. ALSO CAPTAIN HAD INFORMED THEM THAT AFTER DEPARTURE FROM VICTORIA, HE WAS STOPPING ONLY IN MOMBASA (ETA JULY 15) AND DURBAN BEFORE PROCEEDING DIRECTLY TO FLORIDA. ADVERTISING BROCHURE SHOWS MADAGASCAR AND ZANZIBAR AMONG OTHER SCHEDULED STOPS. SEVERAL PASSENGERS REPORTED NOT PLANNING TO CROSS ATLANTIC ON VESSEL BUT WOULD HAVE DIFFICULTY PAYING WAY HOME. AT LEAST ONE PASSENGER STAYING IN VICTORIA.

5. CAPTAIN SAID HE HAS ONLY HAM RADIO ABOARD AND DOES NOT MONITOR COMMERCIAL RADIO FREQUENCIES.

6. FOR DEPT: MRS. DORIS PACKER (REF STATE 162848 AND VICTORIA 49 AND 57) DEPARTED VICTORIA AS EXPECTED ON JULY 3.

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